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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE BY JOHN K. COOLEY ENTITLED  
"SOVIET-TURKISH PACT PUTS GREEK LEADERS ON THE SPOT," FROM  
JUNE 26 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

BEGIN TEXT: THE SOVIET-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNED  
IN MOSCOW JUNE 23 HAS FOCUSED NEW ATTENTION HERE ON THE  
TANGLE OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN GREECE, TURKEY, THE WESTERN  
ALLIANCE, AND THE ARAB WORLD.

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CONSCIOUS OF RISING RISKS OF A NEW ARAB-ISRAEL WAR AND THE  
POSSIBLE DANGERS OF OTHER EAST MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES OF  
SUCH A WAR, GREEK PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS IS  
UNDER PRESSURE FROM OPPONENTS AND CRITICS AT HOME TO EMU-  
LATE TURKEY BY SEEKING A BETTER ACCOMMODATION WITH THE  
SOVIET UNION.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, GREEK AND WESTERN PLANNERS ARE KEEPING A WARY EYE ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF LIBYAN LEADER

COL. MUAMMAR QADDAFI'S VAST STOCKPILES OF ARMS MIGHT FIND THEIR WAY TO TURKEY.

GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE RALLIS RETURNED JUNE 22 FROM A TRIP TO IRAQ AND KUWAIT, WHERE HE MADE SEVERAL TRADING DEALS FOR OIL AND DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ARAB INVESTMENT HERE. A GREEK-ARAB INVESTMENT MEETING, SPONSORED BY GREECE'S QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL CHAMBER OF DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES, OPENED HERE APRIL 25.

PLO TOUCHED ON. DURING HIS STAY IN KUWAIT, MR. RALLIS REPORTEDLY HEARD SUGGESTIONS THAT GREECE MIGHT AUTHORIZE THE OPENING OF A BUREAU OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) HERE, SOMETHING NO GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN WILLING TO CONSIDER DESPITE EXTENSIVE GREEK INTERESTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES.

MR. RALLIS HAS ACCEPTED A LONG-STANDING INVITATION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN SEPTEMBER. ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, LEADER OF GREECE'S LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTY, THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST UNION (PASOK), AFTER CONFERRING JUNE 22 WITH VISITING VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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(LEGISLATURE) IVAN POLIAKOV, PUBLICLY URGED MR. CARAMANLIS TO VISIT MOSCOW HIMSELF. MR. CARAMANLIS HAS NOT DONE SO SINCE HIS RETURN FROM EXILE TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY HERE IN 1974.

PASOK AND GREEK COMMUNIST AND OTHER COMMENTATORS HAVE BEEN URGING A STRONG REACTION AGAINST NATO AND THE UNITED STATES HERE IF THE U.S. CONGRESS LIFTS ITS ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY, AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS REQUESTED.

TO THE DELIGHT OF THESE COMMENTATORS, MR. POLIAKOV SOUGHT TO SOOTHE HISTORIC GREEK FEARS ABOUT GREECE'S FRONTIER WITH BULGARIA BY PROMISING IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GREEK NEWSPAPER PROINI ELEFTHEROTYPIA THAT THE SOVIETS CAN GUARANTEE GREECE'S NORTHERN BORDER "FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.,

BORDER PACT SOUGHT. GREECE HAS BEEN TRYING TO NEGOTIATE A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A NATO COMMITTEE FOR NATO DEFENSE OF NORTHERN GREECE- BUT A SELF-IMPOSED JUNE 30 DEADLINE IS APPROACHING WITHOUT VISIBLE SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

GREECE QUIT NATO'S MILITARY WING IN 1974 IN PROTEST

OVER UNITED STATES PASSIVITY TOWARD TURKEY'S INVASION OF CYPRUS. AT THAT TIME, IT WITHDREW GREEK OFFICERS FROM THE NATO COMMAND FOR SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AT IZMIR, TURKEY.

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LAST YEAR, THE U.S., TURKEY, AND NATO ANNOUNCED THAT THE IZMIR LAND AND AIR HEADQUARTERS (WHICH ALSO INCLUDE BRITISH AND ITALIAN OFFICERS) WOULD, AS OF JULY 1, 1978, FUNCTION UNDER TURKISH COMMAND INSTEAD OF U.S. GENERALS, MAKING IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE THAT GREECE WOULD RETURN.

SINCE LAST YEAR, GREECE HAS TAKEN PART IN SEVERAL NATO MANEUVERS WITH TURKISH AND OTHER FORCES, DESPITE ITS DISPUTE WITH TURKEY OVER RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN SEA. BUT  
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HOPES OF SETTING UP A NEW NATO AIR AND LAND UMBRELLA COMMAND FOR DEFENSE OF NORTHERN GREECE, WHERE WARSAW PACT FORCES IN BULGARIA ARE POISED AT ONE POINT OPPOSITE A NECK OF GREEK TERRITORY ONLY 20 MILES WIDE, HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN REALIZED.

SEA LIMITS AT ISSUE. THE SOVIETS SHARE WITH TURKEY A COMMON OPPOSITION TO GREEK WISHES, EXPRESSED IN THE PAST BUT NOW DEMANDED ONLY BY ULTRANATIONALISTS HERE, TO EXTEND GREEK TERRITORIAL SEA LIMITS IN THE AEGEAN TO 12 MILES INSTEAD OF 6 AS AT PRESENT.

THE SOVIETS WISH TO KEEP FULL FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION FOR THEIR WARSHIPS THROUGH THE AEGEAN TO THE TURKISH STRAITS, A MATTER BELIEVED HERE TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY TURKISH PRIME MINISTER BULENT ECEVIT WITH THE SOVIET LEADERS BEFORE SIGNING THE RECENT FRIENDSHIP PACT.

MR. CARAMANLIS AND MR. ECEVIT AGREED DURING THE RECENT NATO MEETING IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE A FRESH START TOWARD NEGOTIATING THEIR AEGEAN DIFFERENCES.

SENIOR GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE TO MEET IN ANKARA JULY 5 TO WORK OUT A NEW PROCEDURE FOR FUTURE TALKS, AS AGREED DURING THE ECEVIT-CARAMANLIS SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND, LAST MARCH 11.

SOFIA VISIT SET. MR. CARAMANLIS IS TO VISIT SOFIA, BULGARIA, JULY 6-7 TO DISCUSS AEGEAN AND MIDEAST ISSUES AND EXPLORE WITH BULGARIAN PRIME MINISTER TODOR ZHIVKOV THE POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING THE BALKAN COOPERATION CONFERENCE WHICH LAST MET IN ATHENS IN 1976.

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MEANWHILE ANALYSTS HERE ARE CAREFULLY STUDYING AGREEMENTS  
MADE BY LIBYA'S COLONEL QADDAFI DURING HIS TRIP JUNE 18-  
25 TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, AND HUNGARY. ARMS MARKET  
SOURCES SAY THEY BELIEVE LIBYA, ONE OF TURKEY'S MAIN  
SOURCES OF OIL AND WHICH HOSTS TURKISH ENGINEERS AND  
  
TECHNICIANS, MAY BE WORKING OUT A "SWITCH" ARRANGEMENT.

ARMS MIGHT BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO TURKEY BY THE CZECHO-  
SLOVAK GOVERNMENT ARMS FIRM, OMNIPOL, WITH CASH PAYMENTS  
MADE BY LIBYA, THESE SOURCES BELIEVE. IF THAT PROVED  
TOO MUCH OF AN EMBARRASSMENT TO MR. ECEVIT, WHO HAS SAID  
HE WILL NOT QUIT NATO, LIBYA COULD SEND TURKEY FRENCH  
OR SOVIET-SUPPLIED ARMS FROM ITS OWN HUGE STOCKPILES  
WHICH THE SOVIET UNION COULD THEN REPLENISH. END TEXT. VANCE

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